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1. MINISTRY OF FINANCE SOURCES HAVE CONFIRMED THAT PRESIDENT BONGO'S STATEMENT ABOUT USING LOCKHEED L-100 AS MILITARY AIRPLANE (REFTEL) WAS INCORRECT AND THAT PLANE WILL IN FACT BE USED FOR TRANSPORT OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, ESPECIALLY FOR TRANSGABON RAILROAD.

2. MISTAKE RESULTED FROM FACT THAT DIFFERENT PORTIONS OF PRESIDENT'S SPEECH WERE WRITTEN BY DIFFERENT MINISTRIES AND THEN PASTED TOGETHER IN PRESIDENCY. MINISTRY OF FINANCE, WHICH RESPONSIBLE FOR AGREEMENT WITH LOCKHEED AND EXIM, NOT AWARE OF SECTION ON L-100 UNTIL SPEECH ACTUALLY GIVEN, AND DRAFTING MINISTRY WAS NOT AWARE OF LIMITATIONS PLACED ON L-100'S USE. FURTHER REASON FOR CONFUSION IS FACT THAT L-100 WILL BE FLOWN BY MILITARY PILOTS WHO ARE ONLY PILOTS IN COUNTRY CAPABLE OF FLYING SUCH AN AIRPLANE.

3. MINISTRY OF FINANCE SOURCES CITED INCLUSION OF MYSTERE 20, WHICH DEFINITELY NOT MILITARY AIRCRAFT,
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UNDER MILITARY HEADING IN SPEECH AS FURTHER PROOF THAT

MIX-UP HAD IN FACT OCCURRED. IN ANY EVENT, THEY STATED
THAT ATTESTATION SIGNED BY MINISTER MOUKAMBI GIVING
ASSURANCES THAT L-100 WOULD NOT BE USED FOR MILITARY
PURPOSES IS WHAT IS IMPORTANT, THAT MOUKAMBI'S STATEMENT
REMAINS VALID, AND THAT L-100 WILL NOT BE USED FOR
MILITARY PURPOSES.
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